

William Fitzhugh to George Washington, November 4, 1754, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM WILLIAM FITZHUGH, ESQ. ¹

ROUSBY HALL Nov' 4th. 1754

DEAR SIR

Since I had the Pleasure of Seeing You, I am Convince'd by the Governor of Maryland that You may Hold your Commission with Honour & satisfaction. In regard to Innis he has only a Commission to be Camp Master General which will Confine him to a Seperate Duty. I shall have the Honour to Command in the Governor's Absence, & as I shall act by his Particular Instructions, You may rest Satisfy'd that Every will be Conducted to your Satisfaction, at least so far as to prevent your being in any Shape Oblig'd to Submit to those who have been heretofore under yr. Command. The Governr. has wrote to Mr. Dinwiddie on this Subject, I inclose you the letter in order to its being Deliver'd in case you return to the Service & If not Please to return it to me.

I am very Confident the Generale has a very Great Re Regard for you & will in Every Circumstance in his Power make you very Happy. for my Part I shall be Extreemly fond of your Continuing in the Service & would Advise you by no means to Quit. In regard to the Independant Company's they will in no shape interfere with you, As you will hold your Post, During their Continuance here & when the Regiment is Reduc'd, will have a

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Seperate Duty. Pray Excuse hast as the Messenger waits & I wou'd by no means miss this Oppertunity.

I am yr. Affect. & Obedt. Sert. WILLM. FITZHUGH.

1 Colonel William Fitzhugh, of "Rousby Hall," near the mouth of the Patuxent River, Maryland, was second in rank, and commanded the Maryland troops in the absence of Governor Sharpe. He was probably a grandson of the emigrant William Fitzhugh, lawyer, planter, merchant, and shipper, born in Bedford, England, January 9, 1651; settled in that portion of Stafford now comprising Prince George County; died at his seat, "Bedford," Virginia, in October, 1701.—BROCK.